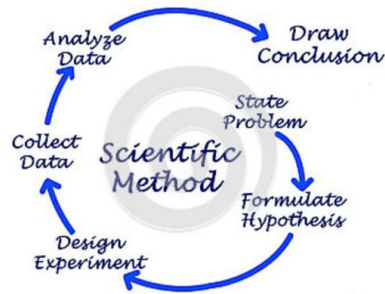
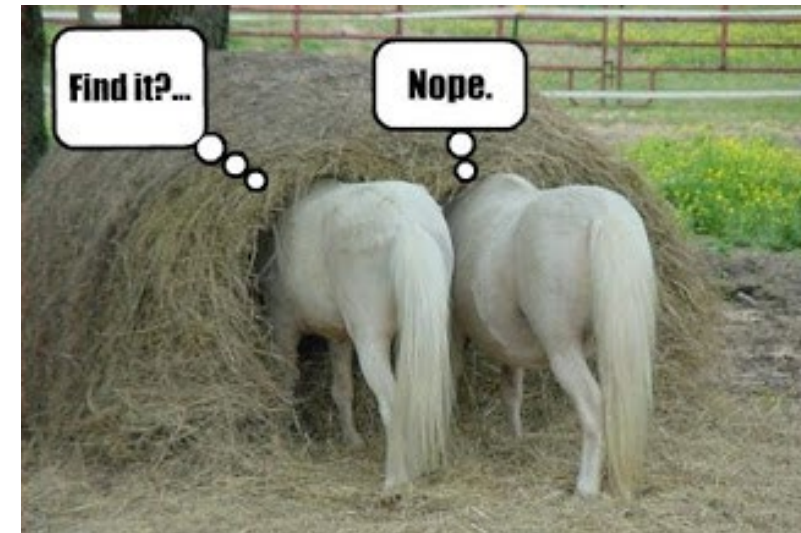


Supervisor experiences - Stina Ekman - professor in Pathology

- 14 **different** graduate students - completed their PhDs (7 as major supervisor, 7 as co-supervisor)
- As a supervisor:
- Hypothesis driven research (what the researchers think will happen in an experiment)
 - Scientific methods
 - **Scientific method** provides a logical, systematic way to answer questions and removes subjectivity by requiring each answer to be validated with objective evidence that can be reproduced



- Collaborations/building networks
- Supervisor groups – involving expert in other discipline's
- Tried to be open minded and prepared for unexpected delays



- Advice to graduate students:

- Believe in the project
- Critical thinking – Ask questions to your supervisor group
- Open for collaboration
- “push forward” – be independent BUT able to
- Deal with constructive criticism
- This is a learning process
- – in the end of your doctoral education - you should be able to plan a hypothesis-driven study

- Think outside the box
- Can the unexpected results lead to completely new thoughts?



FINALLY being a supervisor or a graduate student

- It is not a nine to five job

